GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Urea Supply
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether instances of acute shortage and delayed supply/distribution of various fertilizers including Urea have been reported in some States/UTs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the quantity of various fertilizers demanded and supplied by the Government to these States during the current sowing year 2016-17 and during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to monitor and regulate as well as ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers specially urea?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH LAL MANDAVIYA)
(a): No Madam.
(b): The details of state-wise requirement(demand) and availability(supply) of various fertilizers (Urea, DAP,MOP & NPK) during the current sowing year 2016-17 and the last three years is at Annexure-1.
(c): Following measures are being taken by the Government to monitor and regulate as well as ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers specifically urea: -
(I) Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

(II) On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States/Union Territories by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system:

(i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);

(ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

(iv) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.

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